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402-466 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1845 - 1907

The north side of Cross St. east of Riverside Ave. is improved by a variety of building types. The earliest houses on the block, a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built by several different builders in the 1840's and early 1850's, is located in the middle of the block at 430-450 E. Cross St. To the east of this group of houses, there is a small, one story, gable-roofed brick church, built in 1873 for the congregation of the Sailors' Union Bethel, a group of seamen who had formerly worshipped on the William Penn, an old clipper ship berthed at the Lee St. wharf. At the far eastern end of the block, near Covington St., there are several two and three story, simple brick structures built in the 1870's or earlier, which were formerly owned by the Rossmarck Brewery which operated a tavern on the site. At the western end of the block, near Riverside Ave., there are two distinct groups of late Victorian-style houses. The first group, 402-408 E. Cross St., is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built by James F. Morgan in the late 1880's as part of his development of the adjoining section of Riverside Ave. At 410-420 E. Cross St. there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and simple sheet metal bracketed cornices, built by Walter Hampson in 1907. This latter group, along with similar rows built by Hampson directly north of this row on Grindall and Hamburg Streets, are the last houses to be built in the Federal Hill area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

410-420 Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of six two story, two bay brick houses with shed roof and metal Neo-Grec style cornice was built as a unit in 1907-08 by the same developer who built a similar unit immediately to the rear on Grindall St. and two other similar units on the north side of Grindall St. and the south side of Hamburg St.

The houses are 12 1/2' wide and occupy lots 85' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and most have a one story high, two bay deep rear frame addition. The houses are constructed in glazed Roman brick, in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice of vaguely Neo-Grec style, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding with plain underside, supported by seven (for the unit, two per house, with the end brackets shared) grooved brackets whose upper edges terminate in plain, rounded "anthemions." The brackets connect the cornice to a lower molding strip, thus forming a plain brick freize area. Each house has two single chimneys located along the east side of the house.

The first floor door and window openings have round arched lintels; the second floor window openings have common arch lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The houses alternate the use of wood and brick header sills, perhaps in the effort to give some sort of rhythm to the facade. 410, 414, and 418 Cross St. have wood sills; 412, 416, and 420 Cross St. have brick header sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 sash except at 414 Cross where the second floor windows are filled with 4/4 sash. and 416 Cross where the first floor window has a pair of six-light casement windows set beneath an upper solid pane of glass, the upper edge of which is cut to fit the curve of the round arch. The houses have a mixed array of door types, but all have single light, round arched transoms though some of the transom areas have been filled in. The main door of each house is recessed, thus forming an entryway with an outside storm door. 410 Cross has a late Victorian glass and panel door; 414 Cross has a Mission-style door; and 416-420 Cross have modern panel doors with lights in the upper section of the door. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four stone steps each. Each house has a wide, rectangular basement window opening set with glass panels.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Walter Hampson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is of particular interest as representing, along with similar rows at 307-321 Hamburg St., 408-422 Grindall St., and 409-419 Grindall St., the latest houses built in the Federal Hill/Cross St. Market area. They are essentially the same as the two story, Victorian-style houses built by James Morgan at 1001-1021 Riverside or 402-408 E. Cross St. in floor plan (except for the fact that there is no separate entrance hall) and general size and scale, but the exterior design shows their later date. The glazed Roman brick used on the facades, the round arched window and door lintels, and the simplified stamped sheet metal cornices show the influence of turn-of-the-century Beaux-Arts and Classical Revival styles (however slight), in place of the usual Italianate Victorian influence seen on the bracketed cornice, Riverside Ave. type of two story Victorian house.

Like the earlier two story, Victorian-style houses built in the area, these houses were designed to accomodate the rapidly growing number of workers employed in the nearby shipyards, packing plants, and factories located along the waterfront east of Covington St. The houses are built on shallow lots, the aim being to fit as many houses as possible within a given space (this particular builder building four such rows of houses back to back). The houses are three rooms deep, with two front rooms (originally separated by sliding paneled doors) and a rear kitchen. The houses originally had separate stair hall areas, with tiled entrance vestibules, despite the fact that the houses are only two bays wide. In most cases the original entrance hall partitions have been removed and one now enters into a single large front room.

The houses were built by Walter Hampson, an architect and builder who had offices on St. Paul St. Hampson sold the houses to individual owner-occupants soon after their completion. 410 E. Cross St. was bought by a Raymond Joyner, a cigarmaker; 412 by a Ernest B. Lettau, a grocer; 414 by George F. Aten, a steekworker; and 418 by a William Summers, a laborer.¹ The houses cost about \$1500.²

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1915

Baltimore City Land Records, Liber SCL 2496, Folio 475

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 1/2' x 85'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

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DATE

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TELEPHONE

STATE

Maryland 21204

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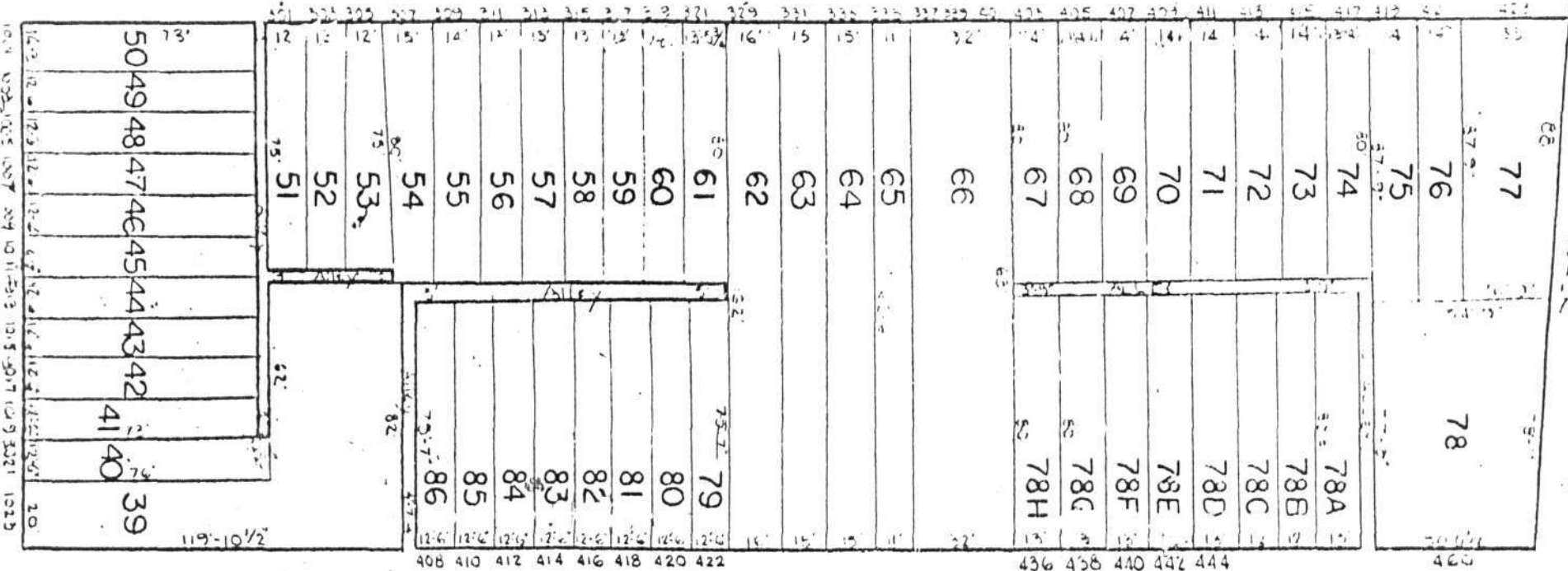
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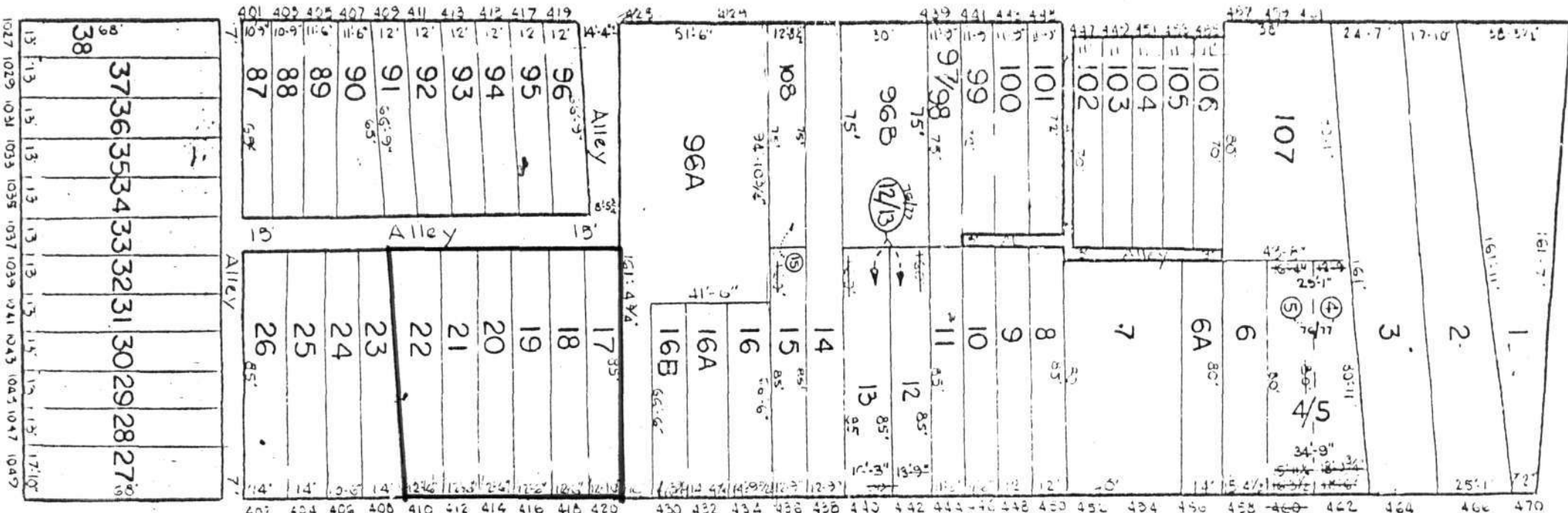
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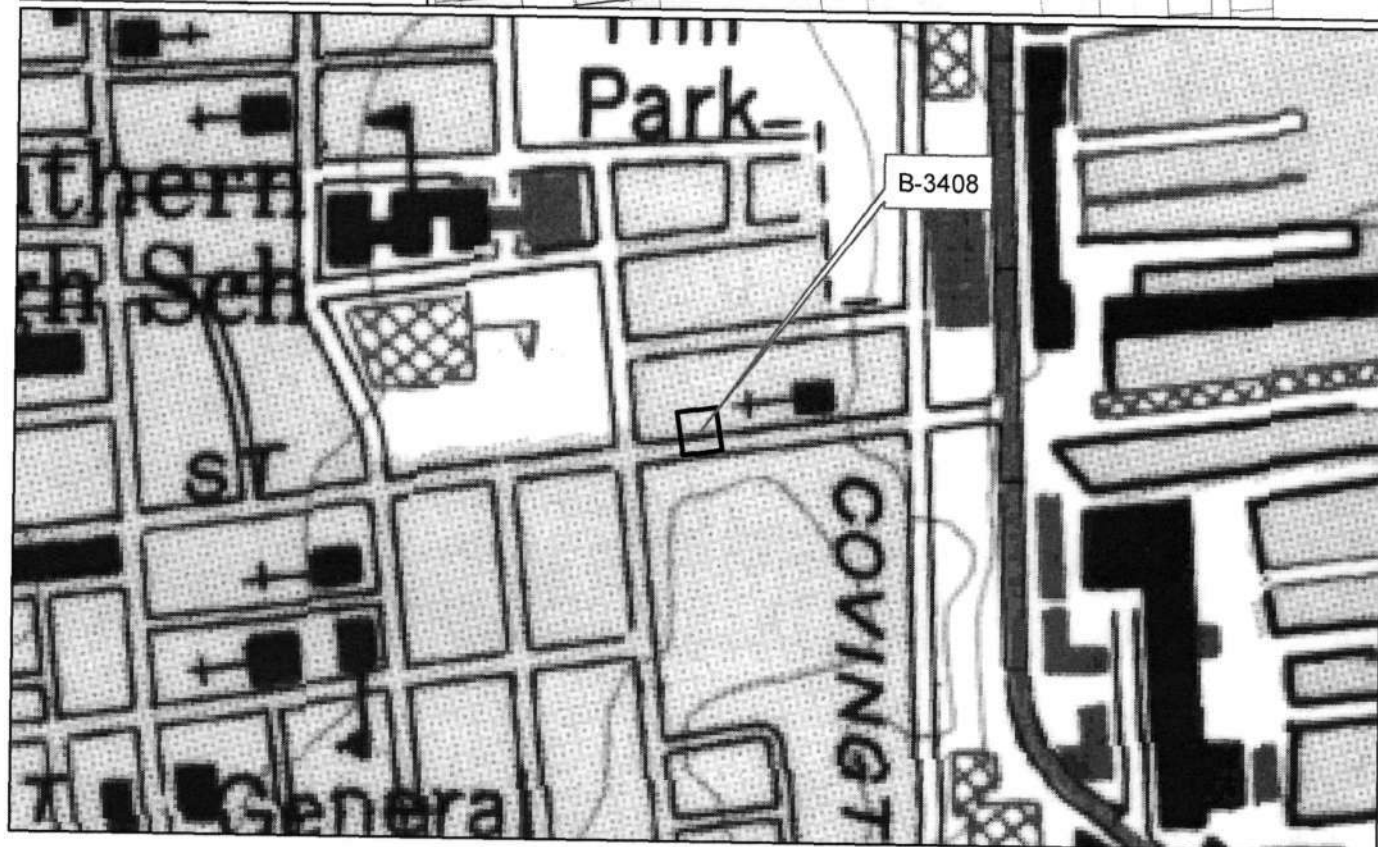
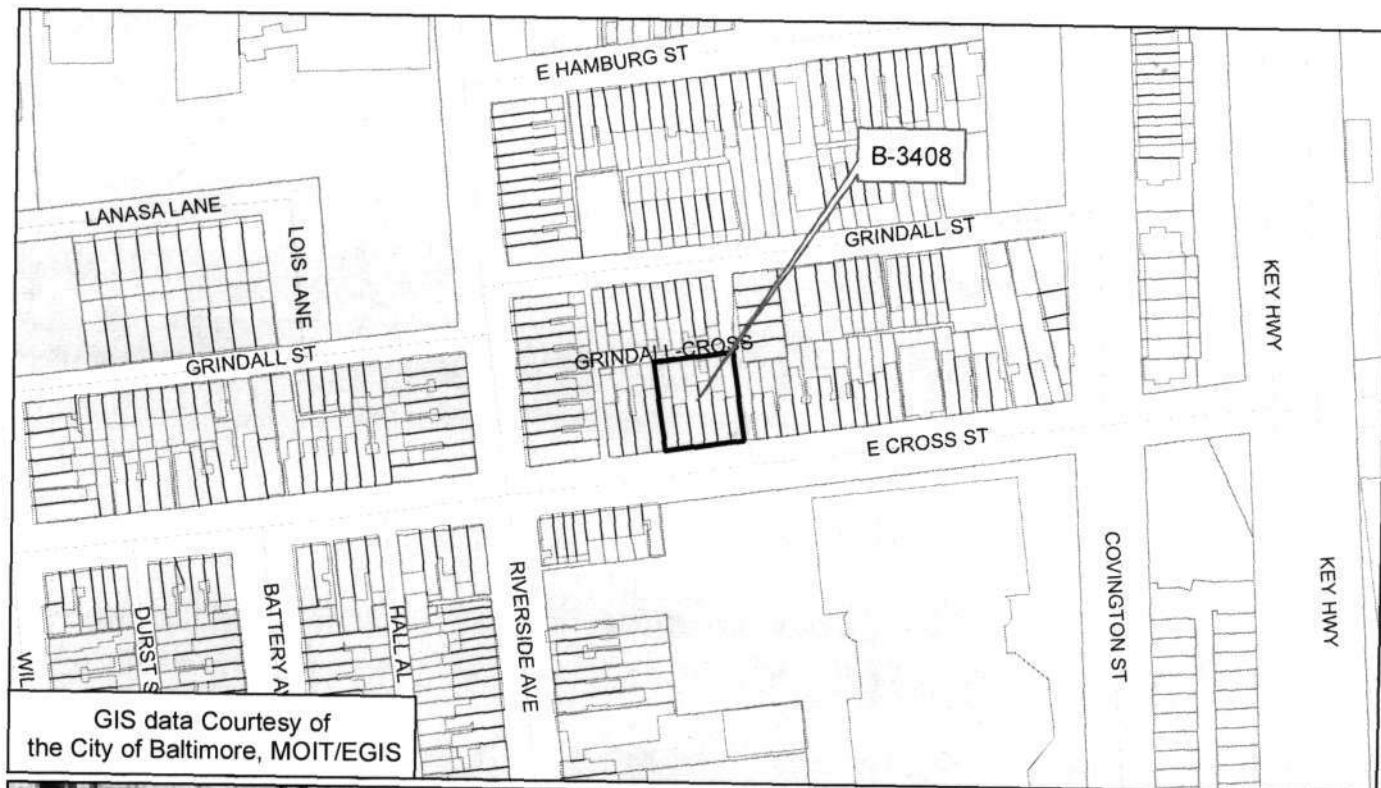


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410-420 E. Cross Street
Block 1915 Lots 022-017
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410-420 E. Cross St.

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South elevation



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410-412 E. Cross St.

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